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Most students don't support new dining plan, survey by UA reveals

One-sixth of undergraduates respond to survey about student life

By Robert McQueen
NEWS EDITOR

Students are strongly disinterested in the proposed dining plan, according to a survey conducted by the Undergraduate Association last week. Out of 222 respondents who said they lived in a dining dorm, only 98 said they had heard or read specific details about the plan. Of those 98 students, only 8 supported the new dining plan. Approximately one-sixth of undergraduates participated in the one-page survey, which asked questions about student life issues.

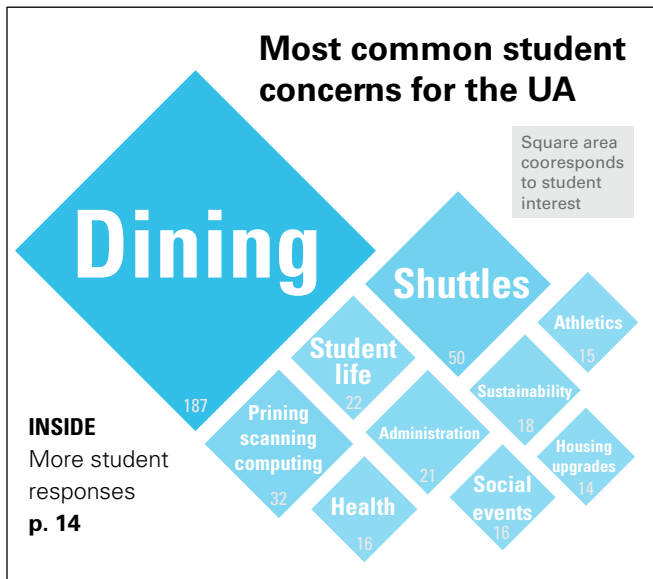
"It is hard to defend a plan that a majority of the students

don't support," said Samantha "Sammi" G. Wyman '11, Vice President of the UA. Looking at the survey data, Wyman said that it is "not clear that affected students support the plan."

President Vrajesh Y. Modi '11 and Wyman said that they contacted Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo and are hoping to meet with him today to discuss the results of the survey. The Division for Student Life has not yet responded to a query made by *The Tech* yesterday at 4:00 p.m.

While the ultimate deci-

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Professor Diamond wins Nobel Prize

Economics professor shares prize for work on market frictions

By Catherine Rampell
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Peter A. Diamond PhD '63, a nominee for a Federal Reserve Board position, and two collaborators were awarded the 2010 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science on Monday for their work on markets where buyers and sellers have difficulty finding each other.

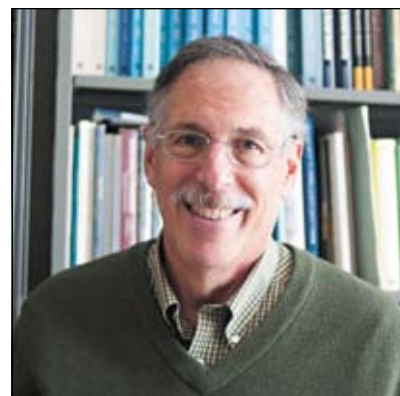
The work of the winners, Diamond of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dale T. Mortensen of Northwestern University and Christopher A. Pissarides of the London School of Economics, is best known for its applications to the job market. The researchers spent decades trying to understand why it takes so long for people to find jobs, even in good economic times, and why so many people can be unemployed even when many jobs are available.

Traditional economics, after all, would predict that wages should simply drop, helping the labor supply to meet labor demand automatically and sweeping jobless workers into whatever positions were immediately open.

These researchers' explanation addresses the complications that come from searching for jobs and job candidates: It takes time for unemployed workers to be matched with the proper opening, since people are not identical, cookie-cutter units, and neither are jobs.

While all this may seem intuitive, in the 1970s it was considered quite radical. The resulting insights about how search costs can affect markets also helped revolutionize not only labor economics but fields like public finance and housing economics as well.

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FENG WU—THE TECH FILE PHOTO

Institute Professor Peter A. Diamond PhD '63 won the 2010 Nobel Prize for Economics yesterday, for his work on modeling the friction in markets. Diamond shares the prize with two co-winners, Dale T. Mortensen and Christopher A. Pissarides.

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The Tea Party has outliers, but at its core it's still a strong movement. **OPN, p. 4**

LOST IN COMMON GROUND

Standardization is inevitable these days, but it's also a peril. **OPN, p. 5**



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The world’s imperceptible slide towards standardization

In our efforts to embrace all cultures, we begin to lose our own

By Ronan Killian McGovern

I’ve now spent two months seeing gas priced per gallon and I still can’t tell whether it’s good value compared to back home. You tell me that it is 70 degrees outside and I agree that what you say seems plausible — I’ve realized that you are talking the Fahrenheit language. I suppose I’m lucky here in the States, coming from an English speaking country, that communication is somewhat easier for me than for those who have learned the language at a later stage of life. And often, when I see others or when I find myself lost in translation, I ask, will mankind ever standardize communication?

A single language seems, on the surface, an idyllic aspiration. We might suggest English, the Chinese might say Mandarin, but Spanish is conceivable too. And there problems begin. Still, a worldwide language seems quite a worthwhile notion, providing entry through the cultural mouths of world rivers, all feeding one great ocean, to a bouquet of flavours, an orchard of tastes, an anthology of literature and a compendium of science, all comprehensible and open to

worldwide discussion. Yet, is there a point at which the benefits stop, when a chorus of dissenting voices begin to trump standardization?

You’re sitting, crouched over lecture notes, under the Barker library dome. The sun has fallen while you’ve been kept up by a single equation. The trouble is, you’re not sure whether it’s a fundamental truth or a mortal’s definition, so often indistinguishable. And yes, you’ve discovered one flawed aspect of convention, its ability to disguise and replace the fundamental.

So you close over your books and snap your binder shut, happy to leave such distinguishing to those who have gone before. You shuffle out from the library and step into an elevator of foreigners. Two speak an Asian language while the others are Europeans, speaking what is probably French or German. Then again, it could be Irish. Conducting research through a different language must be like painting with different colors, or even a different canvass or brushes. Were a linguist to be present, they would say each language is an alternative approach rather than an alternative means of communication;

each with unique foundations from which inspiration is drawn. Yet, this random subset of students, with whom you now share an elevator, may have something else in common: a prior education conducted through English. They have forgone their linguistic uniqueness to sing from a universal hymn sheet and to be inspired, at least in part, by a standardized muse. That’s what I did, through inevitability rather than choice, and maybe not even reluctantly. Mankind faces a challenge, because in the time frame of an individual’s life, uniqueness and isolation have recently become synonymous.

While, based on instinct, we may say to ourselves that diversity should be promoted, enhanced and protected, the truth is that in absorbing aspects from all cultures worldwide, we sometimes forget the great importance of protecting our own. In our attempts to be inclusive we cast our nets out far and wide, seeking the popularity of common ground. On a more frequent basis, the approach, whose goal was to combine the best of all approaches, has become a process within which diversity is weeded out in the first phase, a process seemingly justified by

consensus.

For centuries now, foreign travel and international communication have been rising in tandem. Immigration and integration have risen long ago to the top of the political agenda, and I wonder, do we yet know what we mean by integration? Have we lost the run of ourselves, feeling responsible for not being everyone else? Instinct incites us to preserve our own customs and pride. Yet, over time customs evolve, combine and divide in a way that is intriguing.

I wonder how the tide is turning. What if we sang from the same hymn sheet, all painted with a single color, spoke a universal language and agreed on scientific nomenclature? Could our world become so melancholy, dreary and dull?

These are farfetched possibilities, about which we needn’t worry. And yet, simultaneously, in our technological drive for omnipotent channels of communication, we seem to acquiesce, albeit unwittingly, to a world of standardization.

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Panel 2: The coffee continues to pour, filling the cup.

Panel 3: A woman at a counter tastes the coffee and thinks, "HUH... ONE PUMP FILLS THE CUP PERFECTLY".

Panel 4: Two men, one wearing a "Heinz" cap and the other a "SOLO" cap, are at the counter. The man with the "Heinz" cap says, "I WONDER IF THAT'S INTENTIONAL...". In the background, the woman from panel 3 is still there, and a small figure is visible behind the counter.

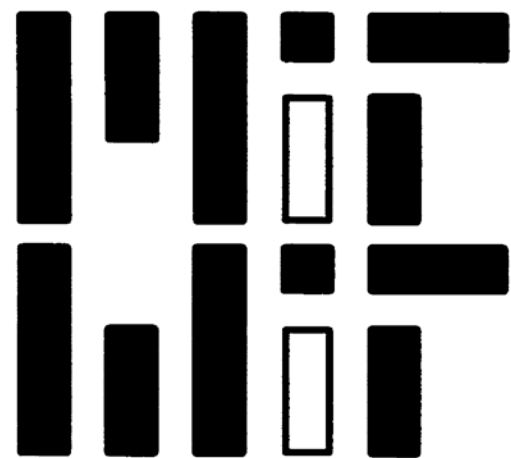
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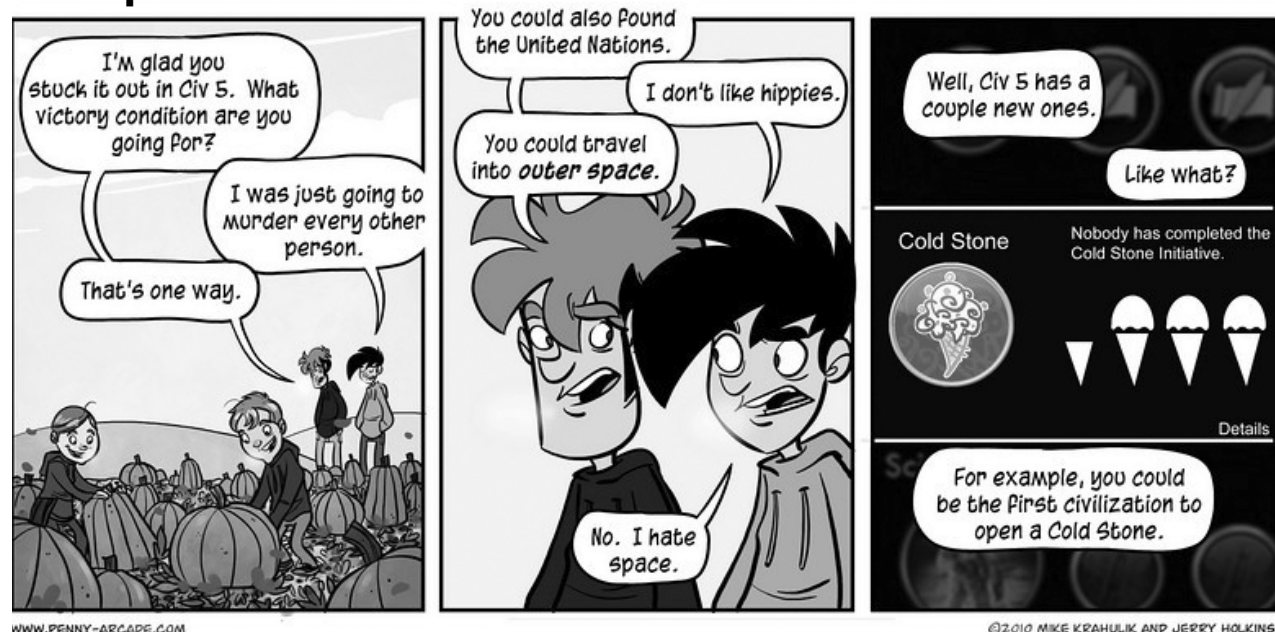
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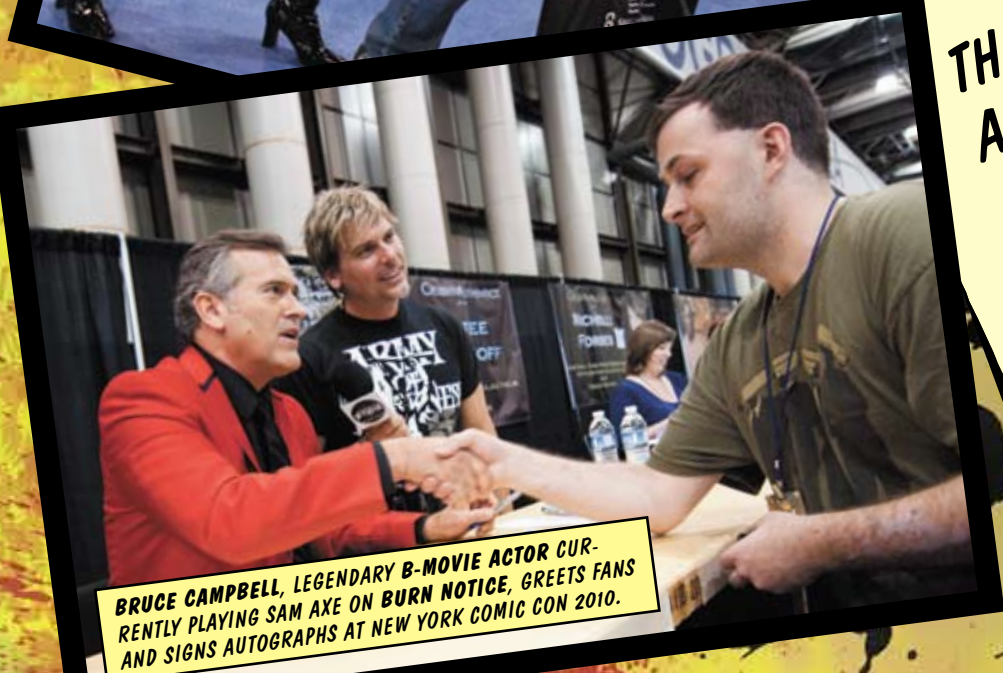
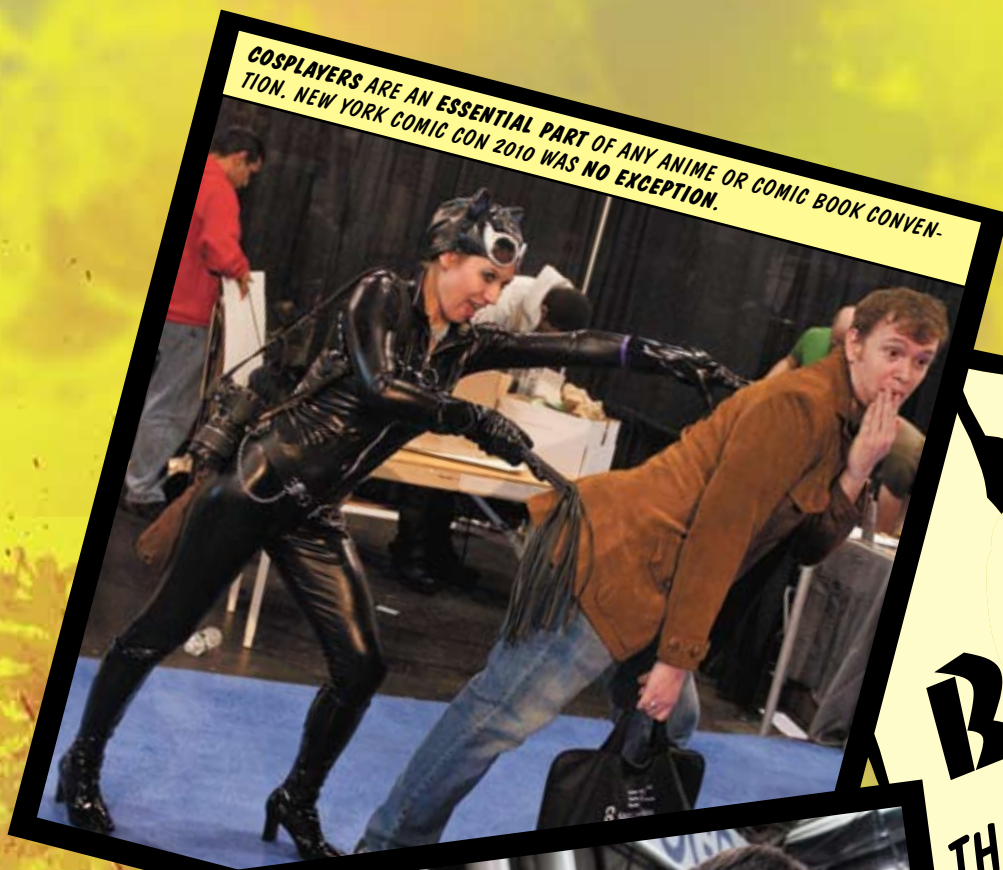
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Hard Sudoku

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By Michael T. Lin
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

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The New York Comic Con drew thousands of fans of nerd/geek culture in all 31 flavors to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan last weekend. The largest such convention on the East Coast, the NYCC this year shared space with the New York Anime Festival, making the attendance even larger and more diverse. The guest of honor for this year's NYCC was Marvel Comics titan Stan Lee, while Japanese voice actress and singer Minori Chihara was the guest of honor for the NYAF.

With many large comic conventions, the New Yorks with many LAR caters to a demographic beyond teens. Professionals and celebrities of media were present to promote new movies, TV shows, or simply to promote their own known

York Comic Con, where the comic book developer will promote their work, sign autographs from virtually all forms of media through their fans. Some of the best touch with their fans. Some of the best included Academy Award winner Adrien Brody (*Y tu mamá también*), director M. Night Shyamalan with his superhero movie *Unbreakable* (half of the Twentieth Century Fox booth), *Predators* naturally, *Aliens*, and B-movie idol Bruce Campbell, dressed to kill at his autograph sessions a malan ten years after its release, and more esoteric able ten years after its release, and more esoteric Campbell, dressed to kill at his autograph sessions all weekend. Creative individuals with more sci-bodies of work were also in incredibly high demand, as cast, crew, and creators of perhaps every major science fiction franchise were on hand at one point or another, including *StarGate SG-1*, *Babylon Five*, and *Battlestar Galactica*. Illustrative of the rise of new media was also the preeminent series that draws talent from all over speculative fiction in spite of being currently over-saturated.



online capability should make for ease. In what I would consider a notable decision, the new game includes four, three of which incorporate fully real-time, an increasingly popular trend with shooter games. The fourth, *Old Classic*, remains the same set on re-enacting mid-20th-century comic books, featuring anyone who is dead set on re-enacting gaming marathons of modern comic books, two-party presents Marvel and NYCC. Both touched upon the behemoths of television and major presence among comics in their recent and upcoming television series and promoted numerous upcoming television events and promoted numerous upcoming television series. In made a point of trying to attend at least one panel from each company, although after I awkwardly realized 10 minutes into a Marvel panel that I was dressed as a DC character, those plans went just a ways.

...due to a variety of transportation issues, and limited budget, I completely missed most of the biggest names that were present, other than a few.

change for the better. I don't know if it's the popularity with Chihara-san's series, but I might call "comprehensive" second. I don't know if you might expect any major concert to be drawn from literally the only anime I watch with glow sticks, but the audience is throwing up Japanese at the course, that of metal horns and shouting. I mean instead of metal horns and shouting like the politeness (as she is affectionately known to her fans) herself spoke to the audience directly with the politeness that borders on a cultural characteristic in Japan, and the fanatical response to her careful and measured English testified to her popularity even in the United States.

Alas, the only full panel I managed to arrive in time to attend was with YouTube celebrity Michael Aggrusso, better known as ItJusIsSomeRandomGuy. The mind behind the "I'm a Marvel..." and I'm a DC" series, Aggrusso himself was down-to-earth and friendly, and premiered his first major video in several months at the panel, filling in with live voice-over when the audio failed. All things considered, the panel was well worth the time, although I will admit that some of the fans present weeded me out a bit. The academic question of whether a "Free Candy" sign was more or less sketchy than a "Free Hugs" sign was precipitated by the presence of a "Free Motorboats" sign in the audience, which I'm pretty sure is not acceptable unless the person holding it has an 18-wheeler packed full of 20-foot outboards in the parking lot. And even then, I'd probably still request a full safety inspection. The panel was immediately followed by RandomCon, the traditional post-RandomCon panel outing at actual RandomGuyCon. I talked to RandomGuy in having several hours of conversation with convention attendees of late-night paneling, is the reason conventions to bring together similar interests in discussion and



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In LA, food truck fad is about to go mainstream

By Adam Nagourney
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES — This is the place where food trucks really first took to the streets, catering to fanatical customers who relished — along with the food — the renegade and slightly outlaw nature of the whole business.

Those frontier days may be about to end.

Los Angeles County is moving to submit its flock of 9,500 food trucks and carts to the same health department rules as restaurants — including requiring them to prominently post a letter grade based on food

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inspections — in what may be the ultimate sign that this faddiest of food fads is going mainstream. And if that is not establishment enough, food trucks, whose allure has been enhanced by their mysterious comings and goings, some signaled by puffs of Twitter postings, will have to file route maps (route maps!) with the health department, to facilitate at least one field inspection a year, beyond the single annual inspection now required.

As with restaurants, health inspectors will be empowered to shut down a truck that scores less than a C for not enough attention to basic safety and food hygiene practices — for example, dirty counters, food left out, unwashed hands.

“People are saying, ‘I see A, B, C’s

at restaurants, but not trucks: Why not?’” said Jonathan E. Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

He said Los Angeles had seen a 13 percent reduction in hospitalizations linked to restaurant food poisoning since the county first imposed the rule on restaurants in 1997.

“We changed the incentives, and that’s what this is all about,” he said. “We want protecting consumers against food-borne illness to be top-of-mind all the time.”

By any measure, this is a serious moment in the evolution of food trucks, coming in the city that is the symbol of the Wild West ethos of the trucks: Where it is possible to walk the streets and face an array of offerings ranging from traditional beef tacos to kimchi quesadillas (think Korean-Mexican fusion), sold in trucks painted in pastel colors, affixed with Twitter addresses. They draw rolling throngs of customers whose nonchalance at the prospect of these new regulations, at least as reflected in some interviews, suggests that the dietary risks of food truck exploration might actually be part of the thrill.

“Sometimes I get a kick out of eating where it doesn’t look like it’s the cleanest,” said Joel Micallef, 37. “You can imagine the underbelly is full of cockroaches. But I bet some restaurants that get A’s probably have some problems you can’t see.”

But Deborah Beckman, 35, who visits the trucks every day, said she would pay close notice to any posted grade, as she did at restaurants.

“I’ve never eaten at a C restaurant,” she said. “I feel sketchy eating at a B.”

Los Angeles is one of a growing number of cities trying to accommodate an explosion in the

number of food trucks. The health regulations to be voted on by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appear to be among the most exacting in the nation, further erasing the

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line between how restaurants and food trucks are treated, and signaling a new phase in regulation that until now had been focused on where they can park and for how long.

(One of the biggest changes proposed to the Los Angeles County Code: The phrase “food establishment” is replaced throughout with the words “food facility.”)

In Chicago, the City Council is considering legislation to open the gates for food trucks by removing a restriction on cooking on the road; under current law, trucks may to sell only prepackaged foods. Central to any deal, officials said, is that the trucks agree to be subjected to regular health department inspections, and that they file their routes so inspectors can find them.

All of this is more than fine with the food truck operators.

“Very much so,” said Matt Maroni, an operator in Chicago who has been pushing for the change. “We’re not fighting anything; we

just want to be allowed to do it.”

Lawmakers in Austin, Texas, where the number of trucks has been increasing 20 percent a year since 2006, just toughened its regulations by requiring owners to file their routes with the city. And in a reflection of this new reality, the City Council authorized the hiring of three new inspectors.

“We needed more compliance,” said David B. Lopez, manager of the environment and consumer health unit of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department. “And we need more staff to do this compliance.”

New York City requires food trucks and carts to get permits and subjects them to annual inspections, city officials said. But New York imposes a strict cap on the number of food carts, issuing just 3,100 two-year permits and 1,000 seasonal permits; there is a waiting list, officials said.

The food truck industry in Los Angeles has not resisted this latest regulatory move, in contrast to previous efforts to limit where they could park. For one thing, some proprietors said, it would probably not be wise to appear to be resisting routine health inspections. And posting a letter grade, assuming it was a passing grade, would presumably be good for business.

“It brings more legitimacy to an industry that is fairly new in the mainstream,” said Matt Geller, vice president of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, which represents 86 food trucks. “It couldn’t come soon enough for us.”

Gloria Molina, a member of the Board of Supervisors and one of the backers of the measure, said: “It’s very hard to say, ‘No, we shouldn’t be inspected.’ They are providing food to consumers, just like restau-

rants.

“Everyone is going to support it — until they get a B or a C,” said Molina, who has previously battled with food truck owners over attempts to regulate them. “And then they are going to be opposed to it.”

Still some food truck operators expressed worry that the government, in protecting the interests of restaurants, would use these regulations to try to hound them out of business.

“It’s good to have letter grades, but I don’t think they have our interests at heart,” said Vince Giangrande, owner of the Vesuvio truck on Wilshire Boulevard. “It’s another way to put us out of business.”

And several said this could be

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particularly troublesome for old-school Latino taco truck operators, who might not speak English and thus would have trouble dealing with inspectors who do not speak Spanish.

“My main concern is not the ordinance itself but the treatment of the vendors by the inspectors,” said Erin Glenn, executive director of the Asociacion de Loncheros La Familia Unida de CA, which represents many traditional taco trucks. “Oftentimes, with traditional food trucks, there is a language divide. Truthfully, this could be such a challenge for some of our members.”

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Models explain rigidity in European markets

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The work is especially relevant today, as policy makers try to understand and combat the causes of stubbornly high unemployment in countries like the United States.

In a phone interview, Diamond, 70, said that one of the implications of his work was that more fiscal and monetary stimulus was probably necessary to speed job growth.

“The slower it happens, the more workers lose their skills and stop searching, and so the process goes more poorly after that,” Diamond said.

President Barack Obama nominated Diamond in April for a Fed board position, where he would serve under his former student, Ben S. Bernanke, the Fed chairman. But in August, under an obscure procedural rule, the Senate sent Diamond’s nomination back to the White House before starting its summer recess, and a senator questioned his experience.

Obama renominated Diamond for the Fed position Sept. 13. A hearing on his confirmation is still to come.

The work honored Monday also suggests that policies intended to help workers can have unintended consequences. Unemployment

benefits, for example, can prolong joblessness by making it less costly to be without work.

“That’s a big controversy in the U.S. recently,” said Robert Shimer, an economics professor at the University of Chicago. “Most of these models suggest that even in a depressed economy, more generous unemployment benefits tend to raise the unemployment rate. Benefits are obviously good for the unemployed, but there are some clear tradeoffs.”

The models help explain why European labor markets tend to be much more rigid than U.S. ones, where people can move from job to job relatively easily, at least in good times.

“Many European countries put restrictions on the ability of firms to hire and fire,” said Lawrence F. Katz, a Harvard economist. “If you make it harder to hire and fire, then you end up with what’s called a sclerotic labor market, with less movement between jobs and more long-term unemployment.”

Europe’s struggles in the 1970s and 1980s with an underclass of chronically unemployed workers helped inspire Pissarides, 62, a Cyprus native, to study the search costs of labor markets in the first place, he said.

Monday’s announcement also played into current debates about the government’s role in addressing long-term unemployment and about whether the elevated unemployment levels today represent a “new normal.”

“I think the economy is very adaptive,” Diamond said in a news conference at MIT. “Workers and employers will adapt to what will make the economy function. I see no reason why, once we get fully over this, we won’t go back to normal times,” with more “normal” unemployment rates.

Mortensen, 71, of Northwestern, said additional measures to get credit functioning more normally, and in particular to make it easier for small businesses to get loans, were crucial to reducing unemployment.

“From my perspective the problem right now is not the labor market,” he said during a phone call with reporters. “What’s happening in the labor market is a symptom of more complicated problems with the financial market.”

The line of research begun by the three Nobel laureates is still active today. “Search theory” has been applied to many other areas, like money systems and venture capital markets — really, any mar-

ket that can be considered heterogeneous.

“Which is most markets,” said Robert E. Hall, a Stanford economist, “except for maybe things like grain.”

Justin Wolfers, a University of Pennsylvania economist, has applied the theory in his own work on marriage and divorce, for example.

“Labor economists think about firing costs, and family economists think about divorce costs,” Wolfers said.

Just as restrictions on firing an employee make fewer workers available for new positions — and therefore make companies skittish about making too many changes to their work force — low divorce rates can be self-perpetuating. With divorces rare, unhappy spouses may think twice about getting a divorce themselves, since there would be so few eligible new mates available after the breakup.

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Juror disagrees with PBE’s punishment

Confusion over judicial procedures changed jurors’ final decisions

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determining responsibility for the act,” Merriman said.

The committee, which was composed of four representatives from fraternities and the Judicial Committee secretary, unanimously found that PBE had hazed its pledges. What followed from that decision was automatic expulsion.

Merriman said that he and the other jury members were not told that there were alternatives to expelling PBE — just the opposite, in fact. Merriman had suggested imposing some form of adult oversight (such as having a faculty adviser), but was told that that would not be sufficient and that expulsion was the only option they had.

“I learned after the fact that we did not have to expel PBE and that

was not apparent to me during the JudComm hearing and I don’t believe that was apparent to the others either,” Merriman said. “Looking back on it, that was a mistake on my part. I didn’t know that and I should have stood up more for if I was correct, but I was told that that was an impossibility. Looking back on it, I don’t think this whole process was fair.”

“I really do not believe that the process is sufficient for what happened. I don’t think that JudComm should have the ability to expel people,” Merriman said.

Initiation document was misleading

The incriminating document that laid out PBE’s new member program exaggerated the severity of what PBE pledges were subjected to,

some said.

“In many instances, the titles of the [new member program] events in question are derived from pop culture and differ greatly from what actually takes place. It is an internal reference only used by the brothers and never shared with the new members or outsiders so there is no need to name them appropriately or accurately,” said Arjun Naskar ’09, former president of PBE and a current director of the PBE alumni corporation. “A lot of the jurors looking at the document already had negative impressions based on the names of the events which made an uphill battle that we had to fight when we were asked about the specifics.”

According to Merriman, PBE admitted ownership of the document. “They admitted that the document

was their initiation document, so in some sense, what was written down must have been factual. But basically every single point of contention, they argued against and said that ‘we don’t really do what is written here we do something else or even if though that might sound bad, it’s not really that bad we only do this instead,” Merriman said.

“If everything in the document happened ... as it was described [in the document] then it was certainly hazing,” Merriman said.

A rumor around campus was that PBE had locked their pledges in a room with kegs of beer as part of their new member program. “The being locked in the room, that was part of the independent corroboration. I think Ryan Schoen had

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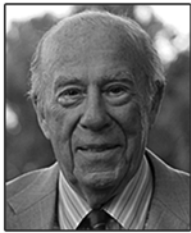
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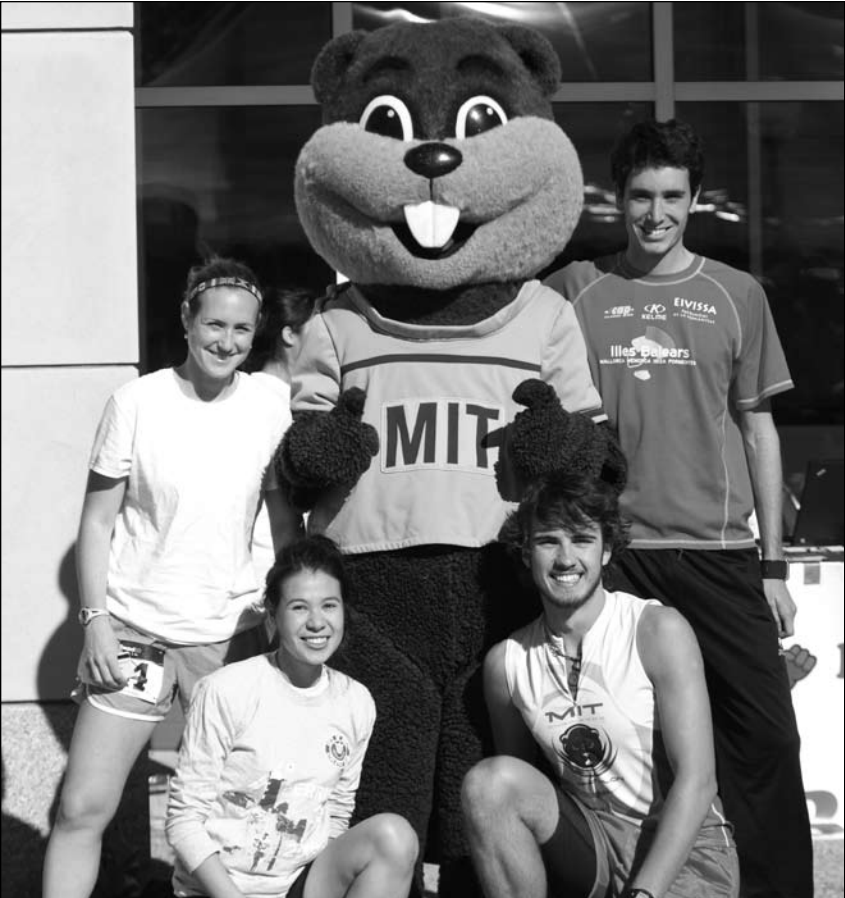
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The winners of the Beaver Dash, (left to right) Kaitlin R. Goldstein G (1st place, women), Donna M. Golach '12 (2nd place, women), Scott T. Landers (2nd place, men), and Antonio Tugores-Garcia G (1st place, men), pose with Tim the Beaver after their race.

Beaver Dash @ MIT



Runners pass along Massachusetts Avenue on their way to the finish line. The 3.1-mile course looped around Amherst Alley, Vassar Street, and Massachusetts Avenue before ending in front of the Zesiger Center.



Runners in the Beaver Dash begin their race at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning.



Edan Krolewicz '12 enjoys a refreshing sip of water more than a mile into the race.



Tim the Beaver himself showed up to help support the cause. The race raised over \$3,000 for a habitat home in Boston.



DAVID CHEN—THE TECH

Neil T. Forrester '12 steadies his boat during the 18th Annual Brass Rat Regatta on Saturday morning. Over 30 current and former members of MIT Sailing showed up for the race.

SPORTS SHORT

Oleinik takes goals record as field hockey beats Wheaton

Jessica Oleinik scored twice to become the program's all-time goals leader, as the MIT field hockey team moved past Wheaton College, 3-1, in a battle of conference unbeaten teams on Saturday afternoon. Oleinik now has 43 career tallies, one more than Stephanie Maifert. The Engineers improved to 12-1 with the win and remain perfect in NEW-MAC play at 5-0.

Kameron Klauber put Tech on the board early with an unassisted marker just eight and a half min-

utes into the contest. The goal was her 14th of the year. Oleinik would increase the MIT lead with 11:53 to go in the first.

Wheaton scored just 27 seconds later to send the teams into halftime separated by just one.

MIT wasted no time adding an insurance tally in the second half as Oleinik put her name in the record book just 13 seconds in with help from Klauber. The Engineers kept pressure on the Wheaton defense throughout the period, taking 11 shots on goal. Keri Dixon made four of her eight stops in the second to preserve the win.

MIT now is tied atop the NEWMAC standings with Babson College at 5-0.

Tech hosts Daniel Webster College in a non-conference match-up on Thursday.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, October 12

Women's soccer vs. Salem State 4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Women's tennis vs. Wheaton College 4 p.m., DuPont courts

Women's volleyball vs. Smith College 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Thursday, October 7

Field hockey vs. Daniel Webster College 7 p.m., Jack Barry Field

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MLB Division Series to wrap up this week

By Shelley Ackerman

Editor's Note: This piece was submitted on Sunday, before the results of the series were known. All standings are accurate as of 10/10.

At Yankee Stadium on Saturday, the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1, sweeping the American League Division Series (ALDS) and becoming the first team to advance to the Championship Series. The Yankees have now won nine straight playoff games against the Twins, including two ALDS sweeps in two years. Phil Hughes pitched for the Yankees, dominating the Twins with seven shutout innings. The game also included two home runs by outfielders Nick Swisher and Marcus Thames. The Yankees will play in the American League Championship Series on Friday, either playing against the Tampa Bay Rays or Texas Rangers.

The Rays and Rangers enter their fifth game after an exciting fourth game Sunday. After losing the first two games of the series at home and being down the entire game on Saturday during the third game of the series, The Rays started to pull through with five outs left in the game. Tampa Bay won the game 6-3, avoiding being swept by the Rangers. In the fourth game Sunday, the Rays took the win again with a final score of 5-2. Third baseman Evan Longoria and First Baseman Carlos Pena helped bring the team a few runs early on, with a home run and two doubles from Longoria and two extra-base hits from Pena. Although the Rays had the best record in the American League during the regular season, including a 42-39 record at home, they must find their first win of the postseason at home if they want to advance. They

have a chance to become the second team to win a division series after being down by two games.

After blowing two chances in Texas to clinch the series, the Rangers will head to Tampa once again. The Rangers also have great reason to keep fighting in this division series: they remain the only team in the MLB that has yet to win a postseason series. They surprised many fans in the first two games with two big wins against the then dominating Rays. The fifth game will be filled with excitement, but the Rays have both the home-field advantage and the momentum in the series; they are favored to move on to play the Yankees — their AL East rivals.

In the National League Division series, the Braves are facing the Giants and the Red are facing the Phillies. Both teams played their third games on Sunday. The Phillies currently lead the Reds 2-0 going into the third game. Despite a strong attempt by the Reds in game 2, including an early four run lead, an additional three batters hit and four errors helped lead the Phillies taking the game with a final score of 7-4.

The Braves and Giants remained tied in the series, 1-1, going into the third game Sunday. San Francisco took the first game 1-0, followed by a close win by the Braves in the second game. The Braves lost their veteran closer, Billy Wagner, who left what may be the last game of his career with an injury to his left oblique.

The Giants have an advantage this division series, especially given their strength in pitching. With a two-game lead, the Phillies will likely take their series, resulting in a National League Championship Series between the Phillies and the Giants.



SARANG KULKARNI—THE TECH

Forward Captain Marisa “Hot Sauce” Jasso ‘13 (wearing red) scores a try for the Engineers in their match against Wentworth Institute of Technology in last Friday’s game. The Engineers, who won the national championship last year, crushed Wentworth 43-9.

SPORTS SHORT

Cross country finishes 12th at New Englands

With all five runners among the top 100, the nationally ranked No. 9 MIT women’s cross country team finished 12th as a team at the NEICAAA championship on Saturday afternoon at Franklin Park. Katherine Eve led the way for the Engineers, who were third among all Division III squads in the multi-divisional meet with a total of 348 points.

Running on the familiar home course at Franklin Park, Eve completed the five-kilome-

ter race in 18:43 to place 41st overall. Alina Gadowski was not far behind Eve, taking 44th with a time of 18:45. Tania Morimoto came through the chute 11 seconds later, good for 68th place. Martina de Geus’s time of 19:12 was enough to put her at 95th and Claire O’Connell was the 100th runner across the finish in 19:17.

Boston College secured the team title, posting four of the top five finishes and score of 26 points. Middlebury College (third) and Williams College (sixth) were the only Division III teams to finish ahead of the Cardinal and Gray.

The Engineers wrap up the regular season next Saturday, October 16 at the Connecticut College Invitational. That will be the final meet before the Championship season gets under way with the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) meet on October 30.

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